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It is charged that Cara Carleton Sneed Fiorina became a candidate for federal office thus triggering registration and reporting under FEC rules when her obvious campaign activity exceeded \$5,000 in expenditures on or before September 25th 2009, as evidenced by her campaign recruitment and information table set up at the California Republican Party State Convention held in Indian Wells, California.

As required by the FEC within 15 days after an individual becomes a candidate, he or she must designate a principal campaign committee. This designation is made by filing either a Statement of Candidacy (FEC Form 2) or a letter with the same information.

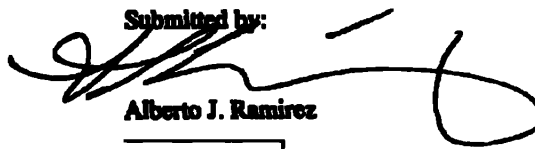
It is charged that by spending more than \$5000 and by making statements on twitter.com/carlyforcalifornia, facebook.com/carlyfiorina and by utilizing google ads as recognized forms of advertisement that included declarations of endorsements by previous 5 Committee Chairs of the California Republican Party Cara Carleton Sneed Fiorina has indeed declared herself a candidate and yet has failed to file her registration of candidacy or statement of committee organization in the required time frame. It is also alleged that Cara Carleton Sneed Fiorina should have submitted the required Statement of Candidacy no later than October 10th and the Statement of Committee Organization should have been due no later than October 20th.

It is apparent that Cara Carleton Sneed Fiorina is campaigning as opposed to testing the waters in the following examples of violations:

- Allows and authorizes statements that refer to her as a candidate by media sources and in clearly implied statements such as of Carly for California and it's Carly vs. Boxer on her widely advertised website www.CarlyforCalifornia.com after having clearly spent more than the allowable \$5000.
- Uses general public political advertising to publicize her intention to campaign as well as making public television appearances, panel commentary appearances and promotion of her hosting a political activist gathering in Fresno on or about September 28th 2009 as reported by several public media sources after having obviously spent more than \$5000
- Cara Carleton Sneed Fiorina is not only spending more money than what is reasonably needed to test the waters she is also attempting to amass funds to be used after candidacy is established as evidenced by her use of highly notable political consultants as well as hiring several retail level staffers to operate her campaign recruiting efforts at the CA GOP convention at a remarked rate of \$10 per hour to sell t-shirts and baseball caps or collect donations online
- Cara Carleton Sneed Fiorina has continued to conduct activities over this protracted period of time and has never once in repeated news reports made any efforts to disclaim her efforts or intentions to run for the US Senate in California and has in fact made commitments that she will be running and announcing all while circumventing the spirit of our political finance reporting laws that require registration with the FEC as a candidate making political expenditures and seeking political contributions.

It is duly requested that the FEC takes immediate action against Cara Carleton Sneed Fiorina for violating the terms of candidacy registration, failing to register her committee and potentially failing to file her 3rd Quarter report by Oct 15th if applicable in this time frame of violations.

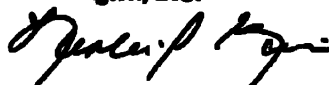
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Subscribed and duly sworn to before
me by above-named applicant, this
26 day of October 2009
at Washington, D.C.



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